

The West Watch

Neighborhood Group

THE REPORTER

NOVEMBER 2009

**WEST END YOUTH CENTER
20TH AND GREENLEAF STREETS
MEETING 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

NEXT MEETING: 7 P.M. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

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This Month's Guest Speaker

Rep. Jennifer Mann will give our group some insight on the various state programs available to residents for saving money on energy costs, recycling, financial incentives for weatherproofing your home and installing energy-efficient products.

Be aware though that Rep. Mann will be in session the day of our meeting. If it lasts beyond 3:00 PM, she may not be able to be back in Allentown by meeting time. If that should happen, an APD officer will give us an update on recent incidents in our area.

A Word From Our President

Since this is the month of Thanksgiving, I want to thank everyone who has helped make The West Watch a success including the board members who volunteer their time to keep the group running; the newsletter distributors who deliver our newsletter; the block captains who volunteer their time to help their neighbors; the people who have made donations to the group; and the members who attend our meetings every month. Thank you, one and all! Our goal is to make our neighborhood a safe and nice place to live and visit. One of the ways to accomplish this is by getting to know our neighbors and looking out for each other. This is easier to do in the summer when it's warm and light outside, but I encourage you to make the extra effort in the coming cold, dark months. With the holidays coming – outdoor holiday decorations, packages being delivered – let's make sure we all have a good holiday season. If there's anything we, The West Watch, can do, please contact a board member or your block captain.



YES!! I am very pleased with the work that the West Watch Neighborhood Group is doing and I would like to make a donation to support their many efforts such as the newsletter, meetings, and community events



SORRY. I am not able to help the West Watch Neighborhood Group with a financial contribution at this time but I would like to help in other ways. Please contact me with how I can help.

You can make your check or money order payable to:

The West Watch Neighborhood Group

& Send it to:

809 N 20th St.

Allentown, PA 18104

October Meeting Minutes

During our “Open Forum” meeting, we discussed the increased number of vacant homes in our area and mentioned the importance of keeping an eye on them. One member in attendance reminded us of the importance to lock not only our home & car doors, but also our garage doors. We talked of the on-going investigations that the Police Department is doing about incidents in our area. Nick Hromiak brought to our attention a new flashlight that has a disabling strobe affect on someone that it would be shined upon. Lastly, Pam mentioned that our December meeting will be a “mingle” and that we are suggesting everyone who attends to bring a non-perishable item to be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank.

What’s Going On?

Not only do we have meetings, but we also send out e-mails with updates and timely information. If you would like to be on our e-mail address, send your name, address, and phone number to president@thewestwatch.org. Please put New Member in the subject line. We do NOT sell or distribute our e-mail list.

THINGS TO KNOW...

From City of Allentown Codified Ordinances

720.02 Definitions

7. **Litter** includes, but is not limited to, all waste material, garbage, trash, i.e. waste paper, tobacco products, wrappers, food or beverage containers, newspapers, etc., municipal waste, human waste, damaged and deteriorated furniture or motor vehicle seats, vehicle parts, automotive products, recyclable material, dirt, mud and yard waste that has been abandoned or improperly discarded, deposited or disposed. (14262 §1 3/3/05)

Numbers To Know

Police-Fire-Ambulance	911
Police –Non-emergency	610-437-7751
Police—Vice Unit	610-437-7726
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Noise Complaints	610-437-7751
Street Lights	610-437-7735
Weeds/Overgrown Grass	610-437-8729
Graffiti Removal/ Recy- cling	610-437-8729
Vacant Property Issues	610-437-7694
Zoning Violations	610-437-4360
Animal Control	610-437-7535

Block Captains

If your area does not have a block captain, contact Stephen Zatko or the Block Captain closest to you

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